



CULPEPER MINUTES

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 19,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newsletter is also available online www.culpepercounty.gov
Comments and suggestions may be emailed to: dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov

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A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Dear Citizens:

Best wishes to all of you this holiday season. Let me start by thanking all those candidates who were on the ballot for the November 8th elections. The participation of all of the candidates and their willingness to get involved and serve the community is admirable. Congratulations to Janice Corbin, Clerk of the Court; to Leanne Jenkins, George Dasher, and Elizabeth Hutchins, who were elected to the School Board; and to Larry Aylor (Cedar Mountain) and Brad Rosenberger (Jefferson), who were elected to the Board of Supervisors. I want to give special thanks to Jimmy Lee. Mr. Lee has served on the Board admirably for the last eight years. As representative for the Cedar Mountain District he has done much for our community.

The food and beverage tax was again defeated, and again, I would like to briefly explain the reasoning for that proposition. Culpeper County is growing, and sources of revenue other than real estate tax are needed. A meals and lodging tax, which as proposed would apply only outside of the Town limits (the Town already has such a tax in place), would provide some potential relief to rising real estate taxes and would generate revenue from visitors to the area. In many respects, it would be a "user tax". The citizens have spoken, and we respect the voters' choice. However, with new restaurants projected and possibly new hotels, this is an issue that most likely will continue to be considered in the future.

While I am on the issue of taxes, I would like to report on Voluntary Contributions. Your County tax bills include an option to voluntarily contribute money to one or more specific community needs. In fiscal year 2005, the following Voluntary Contributions were received:

Library	\$ 2,169.21
Community Complex	1,732.03
Schools Athletic Programs	304.98
DHS Children's Programs	1,479.05
Schools Capital Improvement Programs	2,233.96
Humane Society of Culpeper	<u>4,397.30</u>
Total	\$12,316.53

If you have an interest in, or benefit from some of these programs, please consider contributing this year.

The last thing I would mention is that on September 6, 2005, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new 2005 Culpeper County Comprehensive Plan. Thanks to the Planning Commission and to all those who participated in the process through community meetings and public hearings. The Plan is available online in its entirety, or at the Planning and Zoning Office for purchase.

Again, we wish you a safe and happy holiday. Please remember our troops, especially those who may be in harm's way, and their families during this holiday season.

For the Board,

Steven E. Nixon, Vice Chair
West Fairfax

William C. Chase, Jr.
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Sue D. Hansohn
Catalpa

John F. Coates, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
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Cedar Mountain

Brad Rosenberger
Jefferson

Steven L. Walker
East Fairfax

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

ROADS IN CULPEPER COUNTY: FUNDING ROADS, PAVING ROADS, AND MAINTAINING ROADS

One of the most commonly asked questions of the County Planning and Zoning Office is “How can I get my road paved?” Many variations of this question regarding road maintenance, tax dollars, etc. are received on a nearly daily basis. Many people are under the impression that there are “County roads”, owned and maintained by the County, which there are not. The following information is intended to provide a summary of road funding and responsibility in the County, outside of the Town Corporate Limits.

There are generally three types of roads in Culpeper County: Primary, Secondary, and Private. Private roads are just that, they are privately owned and maintained. There is no involvement by either the County or the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) with these roads, nor are there any minimum standards for private roads. The rules and regulations of the County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances discourage private roads to the maximum extent possible. Private roads are generally indicated with a blue street sign (as opposed to green).

Primary roads are the major thoroughfares in the County such as Routes 3, 15, 29, 211, 229, and 522. Any road with a Route number less than 600 is generally a primary road. Primary roads are constructed, owned, and maintained by VDOT. Funding for primary roads is from the state, with federal assistance on some roads. No local money is involved. The Culpeper County Board of Supervisors establishes a Primary Road Improvement list which is submitted to VDOT annually. This list includes requests such as widening Route 3 to four lanes and constructing an interchange at Route 15/29 and 666. This list is considered at the state level by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). The CTB ultimately develops a Transportation Improvement Plan which designates project priorities and funding. The CTB is the final decision-maker on all primary road construction and maintenance issues, and again, no local funding is utilized.

Finally, there are secondary roads. These make up the majority of roads in the County and they can be identified by Route numbers of 600 and higher. They are identified with green street name signs. Secondary roads, like primaries, are state owned and state maintained – they belong to VDOT. The Board of Supervisors does establish a Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan which essentially prioritizes the paving of existing gravel secondary roads. VDOT follows that priority list, but funding and timing of secondary road projects is entirely reliant upon the availability of funds at VDOT. The County does not contribute any local dollars. We are at the mercy of funding at the state level. The Board of Supervisors has long followed a policy of placing roads on the priority list as funds allow, and then letting projects move up in order. When new roads are added, they go at the bottom of the list. Unfortunately, due to funding cuts at the state level over the last several years, the County priority list which is already established will most likely take at least 10 years to complete, rather than the six years it was designed for. As a result, the waiting period for getting a road paved, and the level of frustration, is rising.

Hopefully, this information is helpful in letting you – the citizens – know that your local tax dollars are not utilized in maintaining or improving secondary roads, and as such, the influence which the Board can have over such projects is limited. County priority lists and road issues generally are handled by the County Planning Office. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at 727-3404.

Culpeper County's Employee of the Month



June
Michelle Evans
Building Department



July
James Mack
Sheriff's Office



August
Teresa Jenkins
Human Services



September
Stephen Carneal
Criminal Justice Services



Congressman Eric Cantor

Culpeper County Law Enforcement Effort Receives new Funds

The Culpeper area scored a big victory in the fight against gang crime on November 9th when the U.S. House of Representatives approved new funding for law enforcement. The Town of Culpeper Police Department, Culpeper County Sheriff's Office and Culpeper County Department of Social Services each received \$50,000 in federal funding to support

law enforcement and gang prevention programs. These agencies received one-hundred percent of the funding they requested.

This is needed funding for law enforcement as well as social service agencies in Culpeper. The tremendous growth in Culpeper has been followed by an alarming increase in gang activity. This funding, which was secured through the U.S. Department of Justice Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 Conference Report, will give Culpeper the ability to strengthen and expand programs that work to stop gangs.

The Culpeper community has come together to create a unified response to include not only law enforcement officials, but also the Town Council, the County Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the Department of Social Services. In conjunction with a unified County effort, we must also coordinate the activities of all other levels of government to have a more effective response to criminal gangs.

I started the 7th District Safety and Security Council in 2001 to coordinate law enforcement efforts between various federal, state and local authorities. Culpeper County Chairman John Coates, Police Chief Dan Boring, County Administrator Frank Bossio, and Sheriff Lee Hart have all been strong partners in this effort.

In addition to the need for funding and coordination to combat crime, there is also the continuing need for community involvement. Please contact my Culpeper District Representative Barbara Taylor with your thoughts and concerns. She may be reached at (540) 825-8960.

I also encourage you to log online and visit my Web site <http://cantor.house.gov/>. I look forward to hearing from you.

Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

To contact your Supervisor, you may email: supervisors@culpepercounty.gov or call the County Administration Office at 727-3427, or call directly as follows:

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**The Board meets
the 1st Tuesday
of each month
10 a.m.**

**General County Business
7 p.m.**

**Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings**

Agendas are available prior to Board Meetings on the County Website at www.culpepercounty.gov and in the Culpeper County Library



Culpeper County Library

The Culpeper County Library offers several Storytimes.

- Walk-in Storytime each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Storytimes will break over the holidays and resume January 10 and 13.

Tuesday morning Storytimes are by registration only. The classes are limited in size and designed for specific age groups. Sign up for the first Storytime session in 2006, is January 3, beginning at 10:00 a.m. when the library opens. Three classes are for toddlers (2-3 year olds) 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Two are for pre-schoolers (3-5, go by themselves) 10:30 and 11:30. The session begins January 10 and runs through February 14. Sign up for the second session of the year will be February 28. That session will run from March 7 - April 11.



Special Holiday Storytimes (with very special guests!)

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

and Friday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

Bad weather?

Please call the Library at 825-8691 to make sure that we are having Storytime.

Library's Gone to the Dogs!

Children learning to read may feel self-conscious reading in front of other people. Reading to a dog can help them practice their skills! If your child would benefit from this opportunity, come to the Library's *Gone to the Dogs* program. Kids can read to a Welcome Waggers* dog Saturday, January 21, February 25 and March 25 (no Storytime in December). No registration required. 10:30 - 11:30. (*Certified Therapy Dog)



Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.
The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.

For Teens Only

Get some hands on cooking lessons from a professional chef!

Sponsored by The Frenchman's Corner as part of a Culpeper County Library project **get Real, Get Fit!**
Time/date/location to be announced.

Check the Library's website
<http://tlc.library.net/culpeper>
or call the Library at 825-8691

GET REAL GET FIT!

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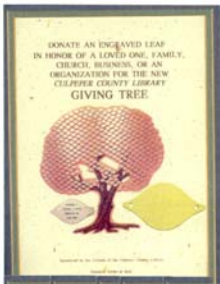
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**Celebrate the culture and history of African Americans
during Black History Month at
the Culpeper County Library
Tuesday evening, February 7th at 7 p.m.
(rain date February 28)
Special guests will be members of our community.**



The Library would like to remind you that we have Wi-Fi or wireless Internet service for the public. Anyone with a wireless connection to their laptop or PDA. The library has had a T-1 since we opened in 1998.



Friends

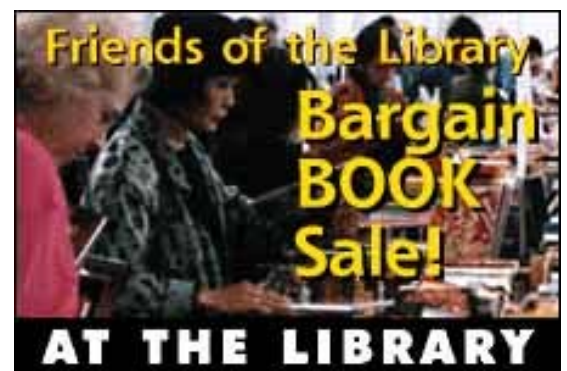
Need a great gift idea for that person who has everything?

Support the Library by sponsoring a leaf on the Giving Tree located in the Meeting Room. Your tax deductible gift is a great way to honor a special friend or family member.

Each leaf has space for a four line inscription of your choice. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. New leaves will be dedicated at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Your volunteers at the Culpeper County Library Book Store send holiday greetings to you and thank you for your support.

Looking for some really easy shopping, no gift wrap needed, no drain on your pocketbook? Here's our idea:

1. Visit the Friends of the Library Book Store. We are located in the Culpeper County Library, at the back, next to the computer room.
 2. Select great books for your favorite people. We have some new and recent books, collector's books, used hardbacks and paperbacks to choose from. Prices range from 25 cents-50 cents for used; up to a few dollars for new, recent, and collector's selections.
 3. Wrapping? Oh no! On your way out of the library, stop at the Circulation Desk, purchase one of our super sturdy, large book bags for only \$6.00
 4. Visit a nearby bargain store, buy a large bow. Voila! Christmas shopping at its best and easiest.
- Perhaps your children would like to go Christmas shopping and use their own "piggy bank" money! This is a good way to solve what to get for their friends. Can't manage to get to the Library during Book Store hours? Visit our tiny corner "branch" on your right as you enter the main Library. The Circulation Desk will be happy to serve you.



Culpeper County Library

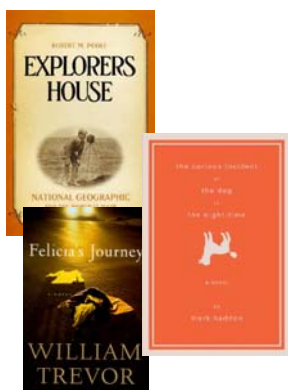
271 Southgate Shopping Center

<http://tlc.library.net/culpeper>

540-825-8691



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THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

will not meet in December, but will resume on January 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss:

- “Explorers House” by Robert M. Poole. This is a non-fiction selection about the beginning successes and failures of the National Geographic Society.
- February 16 our selection is “Felicia’s Journey”, a fiction work by William Trevor;
- March 16 is “Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night”, a Whitbread Award book by Mark Haddon.

These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk or for purchase, at a discount, at The Corner Shelf bookstore. Enjoy these books and then join us for a discussion--we welcome new members!

Read, Eat & Be Merry!

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library are sponsoring the annual adult reading program this year from February 8 through April 3.

This year’s theme is “Goodies for Grownups: Read, Eat & Be Merry!”

For every book read, participants will receive a chance to enter a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants. Stop by the Library to get your chance for “good eats” and to pick up some definitely good reads!



HeritageQuest Online:

The Library has available a “unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture.” Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this “powerful online library, with original page images for all documents,” either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our homepage and link up!

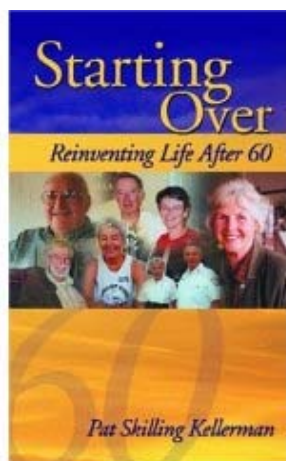
The Art of Getting Published: A Workshop for Writers

with author Blaine Pardoe

Sunday, February 26 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you are a writer and are interested in getting your work published, this is the workshop for you. Mr. Pardoe will give you the inside scoop on navigating the world of publishing for both fiction and non-fiction. He will discuss what a literary agent can and can not do for you and what resources there are for you to help yourself. This is an interactive session, so please bring your questions.

Please register by calling the library at 825-8691.



Starting Over: Reinventing Life after 60

On Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m., the Library will host Pat Kellerman, author of *Starting Over: Reinventing Life after 60*. When Pat decided she was ready to retire from AARP after 30 years as a trainer, consultant and coach, she realized that she didn’t know what she would be retiring to. So she set out on a cross-country journey interviewing a variety of men and women about the ways they handled this landmark life transition. Her resulting book is the compilation of these perspectives. Pat will discuss her book and the wisdom she gleaned from these interviews. If you are going to retire in the next few years, or if you retired in past few years, then this session will help you determine just what it is you are going to do with the rest of your life.

Culpeper County Library

271 Southgate Shopping Center

<http://tlc.library.net/culpeper>

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LIBRARY ADDS NEW RESOURCES Cutting-edge information sources make the Reference Department equal to major universities

Better Information, Wiser Decisions



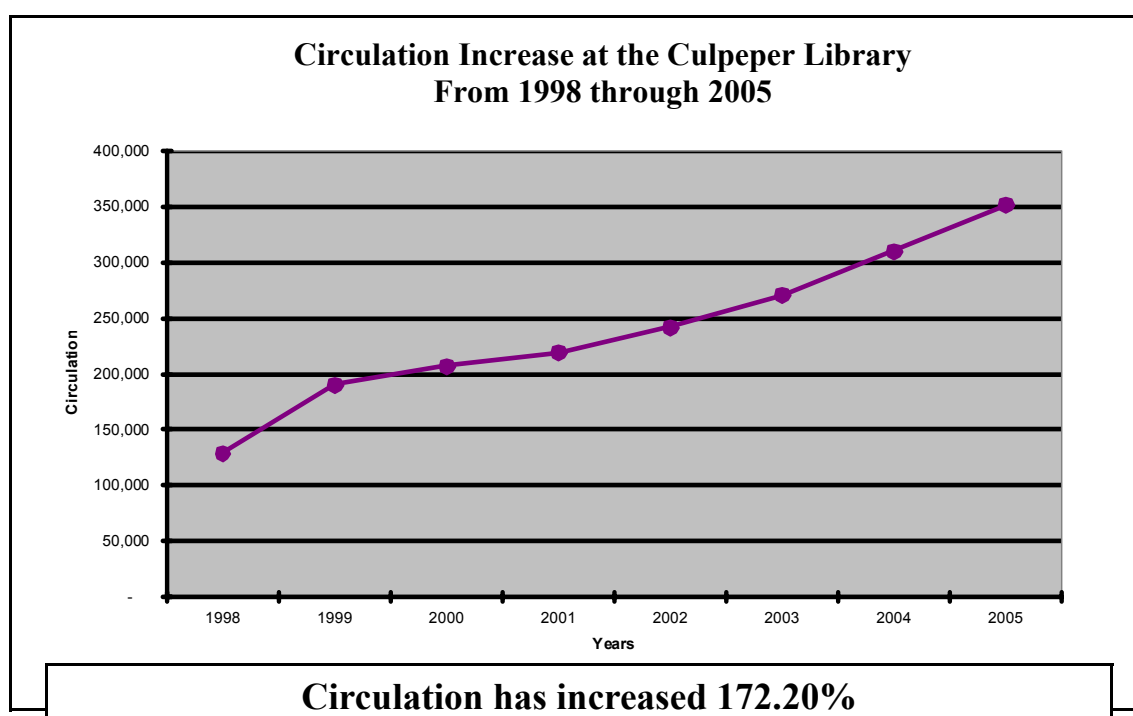
Have you gotten a new prescription from your doctor recently? A new medical diagnosis? Would you like to do some research on treatment options but aren't sure you can trust information on the Internet? Through the Library of Virginia, the Culpeper County Library has access to the "Gale Databases," a group of published electronic resources from Thomson Gale, a leader in both print and electronic reference sources.

One of these databases is the **Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module**, and it can help you answer questions about medical conditions, prescription and non-prescription drugs, and the latest research in treatment options. All you need is your library card and Internet access. When you visit our site at <http://www.cclva.org> from home, choose "Gale Databases" from the right-hand column. You will be prompted for your 14-digit Library number. Once you enter it, you will get a list of different databases from Gale.

Search for financial information, corporate contact addresses, company histories and industry overviews in the **Business and Company Resource Center**. Do a keyword search for "cell phone plan" in the **Computer Database** and find an excellent article from *PCWorld* that compares cell phone companies. If you want to search the entire collection of abstracts and full-text magazine and journal articles back to 1980, just use **InfoTrac OneFile**. All of these databases and so much more are available to you, if you have a Library card with us. They can save you time you might spend wallowing through thousands of hits on the Internet; keep you better informed with quality information that has been through a fact-checking process; and make homework a little easier by allowing access from your home computer. Of course, you are always welcome to stop by the Library to use these databases. They can be accessed from any of our Library catalog computers, and our staff will be happy to show them to you.

A few helpful facts about the Library:

- We receive books at the same time as the bookstores.
- We do take suggestions for titles.
- Some of our reference books are online – through ebooks. Ask our staff for help.
- We subscribe to 150 magazines and all the previous months may be checked out, just like our books.
- We have more than just books: audio books and CD's, videotapes and DVD's, educational software, and media boxes, plus magnifiers, and pocket talkers.
- And, our circulation has increased from 129,399 in 1998 to 352,228 in 2005. That is 172% increase.



The Library staff and volunteers wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.

We are closed for the holidays December 24 – 26, and January 1 – 2.

For your convenience the Library is open for Lee/Jackson Day and Martin Luther King's Birthday.



REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experiences encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning, acquired from such educational experiences, evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Test Battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Test Battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

**The Carver Center
for Applied Learning
GED Testing Schedule**
Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner

January 13 & 14, 2006
February 10 & 11, 2006
March 17 & 18, 2006
April 7 & 8, 2006
May 19 & 20, 2006
June 16 & 17, 2006
July 14 & 15, 2006
August 11 & 12, 2006
September 22 & 23, 2006
October 20 & 21, 2006
November 24 & 25, 2006
December 15 & 16, 2006

**Regional Adult Education
(540)825-0476**

Register for Adult Classes in your area for **GED** Preparation or work on your reading, writing and math skills.
Call for information.

Carver Center GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues, & Thurs./Culpeper Literacy Council, 415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper Literacy Council GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon. & Wed.
415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Culpeper Career Resource Center
219 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA & Culpeper Depot,
113 S. Commerce St., Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon.
Virginia Community Bank, 701 South Main St., Culpeper, VA

Regional TFL – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA

Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA

The Carver Center for Applied Learning is open to take your GED application:
Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Additionally, we are open from 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m.

Start Your Education and
Start your Engines for a Better Job

Regional Adult Education (540) 825-0476

George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Center

GWC Piedmont Technical Education Center Certified as 501(c)3

RAPIDAN, VA - The George Washington Carver (GWC) Piedmont Technical Education Center, a self-sufficient training, education and community support facility, was recently certified as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Certification as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization allows GWC to deduct contributions, receive tax deductible bequests, transfers and gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code.

According to Mr. Ramon Serrato, President/Director, “GWC serves students of all ages and offers career and training choices generally unavailable from traditional venues. Our programs are shaped by a strong entrepreneurial spirit and all GWC activities, programs and organizations share in the care, maintenance and well-being of the facility. With our new 501(c)3 classification, we are now eligible to apply for grants and launch a major fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. We are particularly interested in pursuing building rehab/restoration grants to provide funds for maintaining the older structures on GWC’s campus.”

To learn more about GWC activities, call Ramon Serrato at 540-825-2817 or visit www.atgwc.org. For specific GWC program questions, contact Ami Strother at 540-825-2817. If you are interested in GWC fundraising and volunteer activities, call David Serrato at 540-825-1928.

Get busy learning today...*at GWC!*

Rappahannock Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps

“When you offered to volunteer in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, you demonstrated a terrific willingness to help your fellow Americans during a time of great need. That dedication to service is commendable.” -- Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona,
United States Surgeon General

When the alert regarding Hurricane Katrina came from the National Medical Reserve Headquarters, 226 *trained* Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers were notified.

- 28 RRMRC volunteers offered their assistance to the American Red Cross, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the State of Virginia.
- 3 RRMRC nurses deployed directly through the Culpeper-Madison, Fauquier and Rappahannock Red Cross units.
- A nurse and doctor were deployed through the National Medical Reserve Corps/American Red Cross unit.
- RRMRC Volunteers were on stand-by to deploy through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to assist the Commonwealth with potential evac-uee housing and medical care needs.
- To learn more about the Gulf Coast experiences of the RRMRC volunteers log onto the RRMRC website: <http://rrmrc.vdh.virginia.gov>.

Wanda Beaver, an LPN and RRMRC Volunteer who spent two weeks in Texas, commented on her experience. “I feel that my MRC participation and training enabled me to expect the ‘organized chaos’ of a disaster situation and to be willing and able to do whatever job needed to be done. I know that through team-work we do make a great difference in the lives of disaster victims. It was wonderful to meet other MRC volunteers from across the U.S. participating in the relief efforts during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”

You too can be an active part of our growing volunteer effort by joining the RRMRC. Get involved with helping to protect Virginia’s public health. The orientation for new volunteers starts one hour prior to each monthly training. Upcoming training sessions include:

January	Nuclear/Radiation Hazards
February	Explosives
March	Epidemiology for non-Epidemiologists
April	Category A Bioterrorism Agents
May	National Incident Management System
June	Chemical Agents
August	Family and Personal Preparedness
September	Pandemic Influenza

Volunteers are required to attend one training per year, though you may attend as many as you like. The trainings are held either in the evening from 7-9 pm or Saturday morning from 10am-12 noon. Register on line at <http://rrmrc.vdh.virginia.gov> or by calling 540-829-7350 ext. 132.

Since August RRMRC volunteers earned certificates in the following classes: CPR, Basic First Aid Instruction, and training in How to Give Smallpox Vaccinations. Certificates were also earned for training in Pandemic Influenza, Family and Personal Preparedness, Introduction to Hazardous Materials, and National Incident Management Systems.

Career Partners, Inc.
Connecting Business with Education

Career Academies

The primary activity, and cornerstone of Career Partners, Inc. is to develop an educational program through Career Academies that offers the high school students of Culpeper County a rigorous academic program that includes the opportunity to receive college credit, and an opportunity to apply that learning in the business and industry setting. The academy program will be a collaborative effort with local businesses, Lord Fairfax Community College, and Germanna Community College.

Career Academies Focus on Success Skills for Today’s “Real World”

Thematic teaching is nothing new in the world of education. English classes often center their instruction and literary selections around themes. However, this year Culpeper County High School Career Academy students will be exposed to themes in a unique way. In a combined brainstorming session between Career Partners and Career Academy teachers last spring, seven themes were established to focus on this year to further emphasize the “real world” approach of the Career Academy.

The seven monthly themes are:

- Character and ethics
- Teamwork and time management
- Civic responsibility and volunteer service
- Critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and innovation
- Communication
- Career exploration and planning, and career readiness skills
- Entrepreneurial skills

Currently, students are beginning the civic responsibility and volunteer service unit. As part of the seven themes, students will complete related projects, participate in applicable field trips and be exposed to relevant guest speakers. Planned activities include a mini service project for juniors and seniors as well as a guest speaker related to organ donation in tenth grade biology. Additionally, students approaching the voting age will learn about the voting process and how to use a voting booth. Furthermore, in a refresher for September’s theme of character and ethics, students will participate in a Leadership and Ethics seminar organized by the Rotary Club of Culpeper.

All of the planned activities are geared toward offering Career Academy students a head start on preparing for a future beyond high school. Continuous exposure to resources and information in their community will hopefully make them all more comfortable to make sound and logical decisions in their life plans and goals. Knowledge IS power.

According to Michelle Metzgar, Career Pathways and Leadership teacher in the Career Academy, “the monthly theme approach of the Career Academy allows the teachers and members of the business community to work together in order to provide students with a more realistic view of what they can expect after they graduate.”

Teachers, administrators and local businesses are partnering together to provide students with the training and opportunities needed to reach their highest potential as members of our workforce, as citizens of our community and as individuals.

For more information about the Career Academy contact Mrs. Randi Richards-Lutz at 825-8310 or logon to www.cpi-va.com.

**To learn more go to our website at www.cpi-va.com or
Contact us at (540)727-7792; or E-mail us at mstay@cpi-va.com.**



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News from Culpeper County Public Schools

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State of Virginia announces school accreditation results *All Culpeper Schools Fully Accredited for First Time*

The Virginia Department of Education announced on Oct. 25 that all eight public schools in Culpeper County attained full accreditation status for 2005-2006.

The fully accredited schools are A.G. Richardson Elementary, Emerald Hill Elementary, Farmington Elementary, Sycamore Park Elementary, Pearl Sample Elementary, Culpeper Middle and Floyd T. Binns Middle schools and Culpeper County High School.

These eight schools reached the required Standards of Learning assessment benchmark in the four core subjects of English, math, history and science to earn full accreditation. School officials had predicted that Culpeper Middle School might narrowly miss the mark in social studies; however, the state's calculations put that school's social studies scores at the passing benchmark of 70 percent.

Dr. David A. Cox, Superintendent of Schools, praised the efforts of many throughout the division leading to the achievement of these results and noted the team effort required.

"I am extremely proud," he said, "of all of our principals for providing excellent instructional leadership, of our teachers for their instructional focus and of our students for working hard.

"This success is not due to any single effort but due to all of the combined efforts, as we have deliberately focused on increasing student achievement."

The passing rates required this year on Standards of Learning subject exams were as follows:

Elementary Schools: 75% passing rate in English, 70% passing rate in math, history (grade 5) and science (grade 5), 70% passing rate in history (grade 3) and science (grade 3).

Secondary Schools: 70% passing rate in English, math, history, and science.

While the school division celebrates this milestone, Dr. Cox also reflected on the work that remains to be done to narrow the achievement gap between minority and non-minority students and to increase the number of students performing in the "pass advance" category on the standardized exams.

"Of course we're pleased," he said. "But we're never satisfied."

Soaring gas costs driving fuel budget concerns

Everyone's feeling the pinch at the gas pump these days, and the school division's transportation department is no exception.

The division's 124-bus fleet runs on diesel fuel. Like unleaded gasoline, the price CCPS pays for diesel has risen since summer, giving school officials reason to prepare in the event that soaring fuel prices exceed this year's fuel budget. The fuel budget projected diesel and unleaded usage of 180,453 gallons for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$1.53 per gallon for a total cost of \$276,093. The diesel price paid on Sept. 21 was \$2.22. Since that time, costs continued to rise. On Oct. 4, the price of diesel reached a high of \$2.82 while unleaded cost \$2.77.

But some relief might be in sight. The last fuel shipment, which arrived on Oct. 21, diesel had dropped to \$2.02 per gallon, with unleaded at \$1.74.

The transportation department staff has taken measures to reduce the amount of time buses spend idling while waiting to pick up students at the schools, said Director of Transportation Fred Rankin.

"They're cutting their buses off during loading," he explained. The transportation department already runs buses and routes at a high level of efficiency, Mr. Rankin said. Ideally, a school bus would transport 44 children, with two children to a seat. Many of Culpeper's elementary school buses ride three children to a seat. In addition, drivers are assigned to routes near their homes to reduce the number of "deadhead" miles traveled.

"There's not a whole lot left we can do," agreed Ann Martin, assistant transportation director.

School buses typically get about 8 miles to the gallon. Culpeper's buses ran 78 routes daily and logged more than 500,000 miles in the 2004-05 school year.

Will school be cancelled?

In the event it is necessary to close or delay the opening of schools because of inclement weather or other circumstances, 24 radio and seven television stations will carry the information.

Every effort will be made to announce this type of news by 6:30 a.m. When no announcement is made on days in question, this will indicate that school is in session and on the regular schedule.

You can also access cancellation information by logging onto the Internet at **www.cancellations.com** using Culpeper's 22701 zip code. The Cancellations Web site also offers an automatic e-mail notification for those who register.

Finally, if you call the school administration office at 825-3677 before and after hours, you can press 9 for the most recent cancellation information.

Stations that announce Culpeper's school closings are:

Television

WVIR-TV: Channel 29
WHSV-TV: Channel 3
WJLA/ABC7: Channel 7/8
WUSA: Channel 9
WRC-TV : Channel 4
WTTG-TV: Channel 5

Radio

WPRZ: 1250 AM
WINC: 1400 AM/92.5 FM
WFLS: 93.3 FM
WCVA/WJMA/WOJL/WVCV: 1490AM/103.1 FM/105.5 FM
WLSA: 105 FM
WINA/WQMZ/WWWV: 1070 AM/95.1 FM/97.5 FM
WBQB/WFVA: 1230 AM/101.5 FM
WKCW: 1420 AM
WPER: 89.9 FM
WTOP: 1500 AM/107.7 FM/820 AM/103.5 FM/www.wtopnews.com
WJYJ : 90.5 FM
WGRQ/WGRX: 95.9 FM/104.5 FM

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Healthy Culpeper is a collaboration of over 55 community partner agencies and organizations working together to create a healthy, secure, and educated community. Four committees work on community issues and they include Adult/Senior, Teen, Youth, and Early Childhood. Contact us if you would like to participate!



AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM



Look out for **registration** announcements for the **After School Arts Program** in **December/January** for middle school students in Culpeper County. We have had over 100 students participate so far in our first year of operation and want to keep it going (and potentially expand!). Thank you to Culpeper County Public Schools and our other partners in this effort (Culpeper Human Services & Culpeper Parks & Recreation). Please keep us in mind or contact us if you are interested in supporting after-school programming or in volunteering.

Are you the parent or guardian of a young child? Are you interested in preparing your child/children for school and speaking your mind on what services should be available for young children (and their families) in Culpeper? We're interested in **hearing from you...**



As part of a grant received from Culpeper County from NACO (National Association of Counties) and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Early Childhood Committee of Healthy Culpeper is developing an Early Childhood Local Action Plan. If you would like to share your views, please look out for upcoming focus group meetings or send us an email (addresses below) with your view on the following:

- What is the biggest challenge facing your family today?
- What are you able to do at home for your child/children to promote learning?
- What are the key experiences of a great early childhood that prepares children for school?
- What are the strengths and/or weaknesses of the early childhood experience in Culpeper?
- What are your suggestions for ways that Culpeper can better serve parents?

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Amy Wright, Administrator, (540) 727-0372 x 409, winnagw@cs.com



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Before School Sites: (6:30am-8:00am)

*Emerald Hill

*Farmington

*Pearl Sample(& A.G.R.
Students)

After-School Sites: (School Dismissal-6:30pm)

*A.G. Richardson

*Emerald Hill

*Farmington

*Pearl Sample

*Sycamore Park

Winter Stories To Enjoy

December Stories include "The Polar Express" and The Laura Ingalls Wilder Series.

January Stories will focus on "Hatchet".

February Stories will include "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".

March Stories "Shiloh" the beagle and "American Girls" series.

Because KID CENTRAL feels reading is so vital to your child's learning experience, as well as fun, we will be reading for fun daily. These books were suggested to us by elementary teachers as books children enjoy and from which they will learn values.

We encourage reading at school, daycare and at home.

Merry Christmas

Winter Newsletter

The Holidays Are Approaching!

As the holidays approach, KID CENTRAL will be making fun filled plans for those cold winter days after school.

Programs that will continue and new programs added are: Creative Writing Club, Breakfast Around the World, Talent Shows, Creative Fitness, Sports, Spanish Club and Chess Club.

From time-to-time KID CENTRAL is delighted to introduce those in our community who wish to offer special craft programs, 4-H Clubs, Scouts or Dance. We feel this is a wonderful opportunity to expand our programming for the children.

The KID CENTRAL Team is preparing for the Holiday Season and

School Closing Days.

SPECIAL DAYS TO NOTE!

KID CENTRAL will be open at Sycamore Park Elementary School from 6:30a.m. to 6:30p.m. on the following days: **December 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30; January 16; February 20; March 31; April 14, 17, 18.**

Weather Related Opening: KID CENTRAL will make every effort to be open during weather related school closings. Please listen to local radio stations for times.

Code A means childcare will be held at Sycamore Park Elementary School from 8:00a.m. until 4:30p.m.

Code B

means we will operate on an 8:00a.m.

until 6:30p.m. schedule.

If there is a delayed school opening, childcare will be held on site at your child's morning location. A morning snack will be offered prior to school starting, and staff will remain on site until school begins.



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The School Year.
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To Register Your
Child

The Weather Outside Is Frightful, But...



While winter is cold outside, we will be warm inside enjoying fun activities.

Activity Centers are: Cooking Healthy Snacks, Stack Cup Races, Character Acting, Talent Shows, Crafts for your Room,

Musical Bump-Out, Mouth Drop, Pass the Cow, Cinderfellow, Puzzle Races and more. **"Remembering our Troops"** will also be a focus this winter. One of our center activities will include letters and artwork to be sent to our troops.

Many of our After-School Programs will be having **Christmas Programs** at their schools. Please plan to come and enjoy time with your child and their friends. **Winter Fun Has Begun!**

Going the Extra Mile

KID CENTRAL appreciates the parent support we receive throughout the year. We make every attempt to work with teachers, parents and the children to see to it that each child has the fullest opportunity to succeed. Because of our location within the schools, we feel an extra responsibility to see to it that teacher and parent communication is at its best. To assist parents and teachers, KID CENTRAL often relays messages and information, back and forth to parents and teachers. Please let us know if we can go the extra mile for your child's success in being an outstanding student. KID CENTRAL welcomes your comments and suggestions for the After-School program. Contact: Susan Hensley (540) 727-0372 ext. 418.

School's Out-Daycare Is In



During the holidays and teacher work days, daycare will be held at Sycamore Park Elementary School. **IT IS A MUST THAT YOU SIGN YOUR CHILD UP** for these days. Reservations and plans are made in advance and are set based on the number of sign-up names. Please pay close attention to your After-School Information Board and make sure you are signing up for the days you will need childcare.

Payments for trips will be paid to your school site, and you will receive a receipt.

If you have questions regarding these days, please call our main office at 829-2124.

Your cooperation with sign-up will help to assure every child has a place on the day of special events.